

**REMARKS**

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of October 18, 2004. The applicant has provided marked-up amended paragraphs for the specification amendments, and respectfully asserts that this paper constitutes a fully compliant Amendment.

In some of the amended paragraphs, additional amendments, in addition to those in the Preliminary Amendment of August 24, 2004, have been made. These amendments are editorial in nature, for grammar, and do not add new matter.

Additional remarks and drawing amendments, accompanying the above specification amendments, have been previously submitted in the applicant's Preliminary Amendment of August 24, 2004.

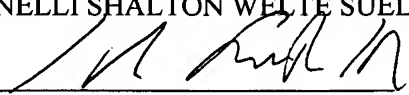
Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Entry of this paper, and allowance of pending claims 1-53 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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